

Health and Safety Code, as those sections exist on September 30, 2009, including the power to require a person to comply with a corresponding duty.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on April 28, 2009: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 1403

H.B. No. 1739

AN ACT

relating to a recognition week to celebrate Texas native plants.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 662.154 to read as follows:

Sec. 662.154. TEXAS NATIVE PLANT WEEK. (a) The third full week in October is Texas Native Plant Week to celebrate the native plants of Texas.

(b) Texas Native Plant Week may be regularly observed in public schools and other places with programs to appreciate, explore, and study Texas native plants.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on April 30, 2009: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 1404

H.B. No. 3385

AN ACT

relating to the activation of the statewide alert system for abducted children.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 411.355(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) On the request of a local law enforcement agency, the department shall activate the alert system and notify appropriate participants in the alert system, as established by rule, if:

(1) the local law enforcement agency believes that a child has been abducted, *including a child who:*

(A) is younger than 14 years of age; and

(B) regardless of whether the child departed willingly with the other person, has been taken from the care and custody of the child's parent or legal guardian without the permission of the parent or legal guardian by another person who is:

(i) more than three years older than the child; and

(ii) not related to the child by any degree of consanguinity or affinity as defined under Subchapter B, Chapter 573, Government Code;

(2) the local law enforcement agency believes that the abducted child is in immediate danger of serious bodily injury or death *or of becoming the victim of a sexual assault;*